locally. For instance, 50 acres in Indawar village in Chikmagalur Taluk have been ploughed close to the village and sandal has been sown thereon. Halagekattenhalli near Irannanakanave is another example. In addition to inconvenience to villagers caused by the impounding of cattle on the plea of their trespassing in these plantations, the operations of the Forest Department considerably raise the wages of agricultural laborers. Mr. Ramegauda (Representative Member from the District Local Fund, Kolar,) remarked that this was particularly so in the Kolar District.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot abolish plantations altogether, and if the operations of the Forest Department have in any place the effect of enhancing wages, that cannot be helped. If petitions are sent in individual cases in which the position of plantations is inconvenient, they shall receive attention.

Subject No. 26. Gun Licenses once for all.

Summary of discussion.—Licenses for guns should be issued once for all, and hold good till withdrawn; the annual fees for renewal being collected with the revenue. The present necessity for renewing them every year is causing considerable inconvenience and people often unwittingly place themselves under a liability to prosecution.

Mr. Nadig Ramanna (Representative from Yedahalli Sub-Taluk) suggested that the licenses may hold good at least for ten years. Such respectable men as may well be exempted under the rules should be exempted from taking out licenses.

Mr. Ganesh Rao (Representative from Local Fund Board, Kadur) would have the members of Municipal and Local Fund Boards and large landholders exempted.

Dewan's reply.—A convenient arrangement for gun licenses and recovery of the fee thereon on the lines suggested was promised and shall be ordered without dealy.

Subject No. 27. Order of speaking at Representative Assembly.

Summary of discussion.—Most of the representatives naturally wish to speak on the points they have submitted. They should therefore be told that general questions will be taken one by one and that the first speaker may be followed by other speakers, if these other speakers can throw more light upon the point in question than their predecessors.

Dewan's reply.—This is the proper course to be followed.

Subject No. 28. Proceedings of Criminal Courts.

Summary of discussion.—The proceedings of Criminal Courts should be conducted as a rule in Kanarese. This is necessary to enable the parties to understand what is going on and to intelligently follow the Court. Otherwise they have to rely unduly on their Pleaders. If in any case the Magistrate is not familiar enough with Kanarese himself to record the proceedings in Kanarese, let it be ordered that the depositions shall be recorded by the Court Clerk in Kanarese in addition to the Magistrate's notes in his familiar language. This, as also a practice of requiring the signa-